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SUBJECT: MBFR: COMMON FACILITY IN VIENNA

1. AT PERMREPS LUNCH SEPTEMBER 25, DEPUTY SYG PANSAL CALLED ATTENTION TO THE RECENTLY-ISSUED PO (USNATO 4490) WITH REGARD TO MAKING PHYSICAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE MBFR TALKS WHICH ARE TO COMMENCE IN VIENNA ON OCTOBER 30. PANSAL SAID SYG LUNDS HAD INSTRUCTED HIM TO SEEK IN THE NAC MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 26 ADVANCE AUTHORITY FROM GOVERNMENTS TO SIGN A LEASE ON PREMISES (STILL TO BE SELECTED) AND TO HIRE AN A-4 ADMINISTRATOR, A SECURITY ADVISER AND THREE SECURITY GUARDS TO MAN AND MAINTAIN THE PREMISES IN VIENNA.

2. PANSAL CONTINUED THAT THE ACTUAL NEGOTIATIONS FOR A COMMON NATO FACILITY WILL BE CONDUCTED WITH THE AUSTRIANS BY THE BELGIAN GOVERNMENT ON BEHALF OF THE ALLIES, AND FUNDS ARE TO BE INCLUDED IN WHAT HE DESCRIBED AS THE SPECIAL MBFR BUDGET.
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3. PANSAL SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THAT ALL 15 ALLIES WOULD BE INVOLVED IN THE SPECIAL MBFR BUDGET WITH THE EXCEPTION OF FRANCE AND ICELAND, BECAUSE OF CERTAIN POLITICAL DECISIONS THAT PARIS AND REYKJAVIK HAD ALREADY MADE. FRENCH PERMREP

DE ROSE AGREED; ICELANDIC PERMREP TOMASSON DISAGREED ON THE GROUNDS THAT ALTHOUGH ICELAND WAS NOT AN ACTIVE PARTICIPANT IN THE MBFR TALKS, IT HAD NEVER DISASSOCIATED ITSELF OFFICIALLY FROM THE NEGOTIATIONS.

4. NETHERLANDS CHARGE BUWALDA SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THAT THE NATO IS FAVORED LEASING THE RENNWEG BUILDING WHICH IN THE VIEW OF HIS AUTHORITIES REPRESENTS SOMETHING OF A SECURITY HAZARD. HE SAID HE WAS UNDER INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE HAGUE TO STATE THAT THE GON WILL NOT AGREE TO A LEASE ON THE RENNWEG BUILDING UNLESS THE NATO SECURITY AUTHORITIES GIVE THEIR PERSONAL ASSURANCES THAT THE STRUCTURE CAN BE MADE SECURE AND THAT THEY HAVE THE RESOURCES TO MAKE IT SO.
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